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SUBJECT: TONY RAFFERTY PROJECT

RE: RYSSENBEEK LETTER DATED MAY 18, 1178

REFERENCE YOUR REQUESTS FOR CAB WAIVERS, FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE IN ABOVE RFFERENCED LETTER. WHICH WAS RECEIVED HERE JUNE 1, REGARDING AUSTRALIAN RUN-NER TONY RAFFERTY'S PLANNED LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK RUN, BEGINNING AUGUST 13, IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE STANDING TRANS-AMERRICA RUNNING RECORD TIME OF 64 DAYS. WE UNDERSTAND THIS ATTEMPT WILL BE SPONSORED BY MELBOURNE RADIO 3DB, WHICH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH SOME 15 OTHER AUSTRALIAN RADIO STATIONS, WILL BE BROAD-CASTING LIVE THE START AND FINISH OF THE RUN PLUS DAILY FIVE-MINUTE PROGRESS REPORTS WITH TELEVISION COVERAGE ALSO A POSSIBILITY. VALUE OF RADIO AIR TIME TO BE RECEIVED IS ESTIMATED AT \$A250,000. USTS/TYO AGREES THERE ARF NUMBEROUS POSSIBILITIES FOR PROMOTING U.S. TOURISTIC ATTRACTIONS ON RADIO/TV IF MEDIA PEOPLE AGREE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON TOURISTIC ATTRACTIONS AS WELL AS ON THE RUNNING AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ASPECTS OF THIS EVENT. BECAUSE OF THE STRONG UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE AND CULTURAL ASPECTS INVOLVED, WE FEEL ICA SUPPORT IS A NECESSARY PART OF THIS PROJECT, ESPECIALLY ON COORDINATING PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AND STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, FITNESS COUNCILS, ETC. HOWEVER, ANY REQUESTS FOR COORDINATION WITH CVB'S, STATE OR CITY TOURISM OFFICES CAN BE COORDINATED DIRECTLY WITH USTS/WAS. BY COPY OF THIS

CABLE TO USTS/WAS, WE ARE REOUESTING THAT THEY ASSIST YOU IN THESE MATTERS. AS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. WE FEEL THIS IS PRIMARILY A MATTER FOR ICA. HOWEVER, AFTER FURTHER COORDINATION WITH RADIO/TV STATIONS ESTABLISH WHAT MEASUREABLE RESULTS CAN BE ACHIEVED ON TOURISM PROMOTION, YOU MAY WANT TO SUBMIT A SEPARATE REOUEST FOR USTS PRODUCTION SUPPORT FUNDS. WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT MEDIA PERSONNEL WILL FOCUS ON TOURISM PROMOTION AS WFLL AS OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS EVENT, USTS/TYO IS RECOMMENDING THAT CAB WAIVERS BE GRANTED 3DB RADIO REPORTER LAWRENCE COSTIN AND ON YET UNNAMED TV CAMERAMAN, THE ONLY TWO PERSONS IN THIS PROPOSED TEAM OF FIVE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CAB WAIVERS. PLS MAKE FORMAL APPLICATION FOR WAIVERS BY SENDING NAMES AND AFFLITOPMS OF RADIO AND TV PERSONS TO SPECIAL MARKET DIRFCTOR, USTS/WAS, ALONG WITA A "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS EVENT AND AIRLINE ITINERARY. ALSO, PLS OBTAIN AGREEMENT BEFORE HAND FROM THE ORIGINATING CARRIER THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING THE SEATS REQUESTED UNDER THE CAB WAIVER PROGRAM. PLS REMEMBER WAIVER REOUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED 60 DAYS BEFORE PLANNED DEPARTURE. MEANWHILE. WE ARE FORARDING YOUR TAPE AND COPIES OF YOUR CORRESPONDNCE ON THIS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL MARKET DIRECTOR, USTS/WAS. MANSFIELD

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